Introduced by Assembly Member Walters

April 25, 2007

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 53—Relative to Make-A-Wish Day celebrating Destination Joy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 53, as introduced, Walters. Make-A-Wish Day celebrating Destination Joy.

This bill would declare the Legislature's support for designating Tuesday, June 5, 2007, as Make-A-Wish celebrating Destination Joy in the state, and would encourage the state's residents and organizations to recognize the many contributions of the Make-A-Wish Foundation in supporting the care and well-being of children with life-threatening illnesses.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, On June 5, 2007, the Make-a-Wish Foundation is
- 2 launching a nationwide awareness campaign, known as Destination
- 3 Joy, which is intended to help people realize that they have the
- 4 power to grant a wish to a critically ill child; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The Destination Joy campaign urges all individuals
- 6 and organizations in California to join the campaign and contribute
- 7 their time, energy, and resource to the Make-A-Wish Foundation
- 8 to ensure the success of the campaign, and make wishes come true
- 9 for children in need; and
- 10 WHEREAS, In California alone, Make-A-Wish chapters were
- able to provide over 1,450 wishes to critically ill children in 2006,

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and, as part of a nationwide organization of 69 chapters throughout the United States, the Make-A-Wish Foundation has provided over 148,000 wishes to ill children since its inception in 1983, and currently provides over 12,600 wishes annually; and

WHEREAS, The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children with life threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy; and

WHEREAS, The designation of Make-A-Wish Celebrating Destination Joy Day on June 5, 2007, will provide much needed awareness of the charitable works of the Make-A-Wish Foundation in granting wishes to critically ill children; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby declares that Tuesday, June 5, 2007, shall be designated as Make-A-Wish celebrating Destination Joy Day, and encourages the state's residents and organizations to recognize the many contributions of the Make-A-Wish Foundation in supporting the care and well-being of children with life-threatening illnesses; and be further Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies

of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.